



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

No claims have been amended, added or canceled by this Supplemental Response, the purpose of which is to submit a better copy of a previously submitted document.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Supplemental Response, a two month extension fee having been previously authorized in connection with Applicants' March 25, 1998 Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115. In the event, however, that any other fee or fees are due in connection with this Supplemental Response or with Applicants' previous March 25, 1998 Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

If it would be helpful to expediting the prosecution of this application, the undersigned may be contacted by telephone at 212-583-0100 during the daytime business hours.

Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully sought.

Respectfully submitted

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REMARKS

In Applicants' March 25, 1998 Amendment, a copy of Amoco's European Patent Publication No. 0 204 510 B1 was submitted as Exhibit A. The purpose of that submission was to illustrate that yet another significant patent examining authority (in this case, the European Patent Office) had seen fit to issue a patent on subject matter covered by the presently claimed invention. Because only a fax copy was available at the time that their March 25, 1998 Amendment was filed, Applicants are taking the present opportunity to submit a better "hard copy" of EP 0 204 510 B1, that is more readable than the fax copy of the document submitted on March 25, 1998. This "hard copy" was just received from a patent document retrieval service and is offered as a replacement for the previous fax copy. This better copy of EP 0 204 510B1 is attached to this Supplemental Response as Exhibit A.

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